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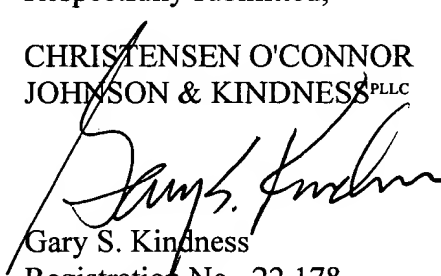
TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

With regard to the above-identified application, an error in inventorship occurred in not naming Eric L. Brechner as a joint inventor with Dean A. Slawson and Tjeerd Hoek. This error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intent on the part of any of the inventors. Please amend the inventorship of this application to add Eric L. Brechner as a joint inventor.

Accompanying this Petition to Correct Inventorship Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a) is an Assent of Assignee to Addition of Inventor, Statement in Support of Petition to Correct Inventorship signed by Eric L. Brechner, and a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney in Patent Application executed by all of the inventors; and a copy of an Assignment that was executed by Eric L. Brechner, which is being forwarded to Box Assignment at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for recording.

If there are any questions, please telephone the undersigned at the number below.

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**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF PETITION TO
CORRECT INVENTORSHIP UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)**

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

I, Eric L. Brechner, declare and state that:

1. I, Eric L. Brechner, was not named as a joint inventor with Dean A. Slawson and Tjeerd Hoek of the invention described and claimed in the above-identified application.

2. The error in not naming me, Eric L. Brechner, as a joint inventor with Dean A. Slawson and Tjeerd Hoek of the invention described and claimed in the above-identified application occurred without deceptive intent on my part.

Dated: Oct. 2, 2000


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